

June 12, 2023

The Honorable Nelva G. Morales
United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
1133 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Judge Morales:

I am a rising third-year law student at Loyola University Chicago. I am writing to apply for a clerkship in your chambers, for both the one and two-year term positions, for the following two reasons.

First, I am pursuing a clerkship to prepare for a potential career as a federal prosecutor. During law school, I interned with the U.S. Attorney's Office and Cook County State's Attorney's Office. These experiences sharpened my desire to work in public service as a government trial lawyer. My hope is that by clerking for you I can gain critical experience to become an effective prosecutor.

Second, I am applying because I believe I have the requisite skill set to help your team. During law school, I developed my research and writing skills as a member of *Loyola Law Journal*. My research and writing improved during my externship in U.S. District Court with Judge Kness. These skills will improve further during my third year of law school when I extern again in U.S. District Court with Judge Durkin and join a moot court competition team. In addition to strong research and writing, I believe I have the capacity for rigorous, intellectual legal analysis—an attribute demonstrated by my academic performance and that my recommenders will verify.

Finally, although I live in Chicago, I previously lived in Texas and would happily move to Corpus Christi. I am open minded about where I will live after a clerkship. Enclosed are copies of my resume, transcripts, writing sample, and letters of recommendation. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Scott Gumbiner

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EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL

Juris Doctor expected, May 2024

- GPA: 3.83/4.0; Rank: Top 5%
- *Loyola Law Journal*, Staff Member
- Moot Court, Appellate Lawyers Association Competition Team
- CALI Award for Highest Grade in Legal Writing II

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Bachelor of Arts in History, May 2014

JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, IL

Extern to the Honorable Thomas M. Durkin (August – November 2023) (Incoming)

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, IL

Extern to the Honorable John F. Kness (January – April 2023)

- Drafted an opinion and order in response to a motion for summary judgment for an employment discrimination claim and an order in response to a motion to dismiss for a negligence claim.

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Cook County State's Attorney's Office, First Municipal, Chicago, IL

Summer 711 Intern (May – August 2023) (Current)

- Appear in court for misdemeanor proceedings, including bench trials, under the supervision of an assistant state's attorney.

United States Attorney's Office, Central District of Illinois, Urbana, IL

Summer Intern (June – July 2022)

- Conducted legal research and drafted memoranda on issues including a 50-state survey of permissibility of custodial arrests for petty offenses; whether a misunderstanding of the federal sentencing guidelines constituted plain error; and admissibility of co-defendant convictions at defendant re-trial under FRE 403.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

IBM, Chicago, IL

Account Executive (January 2018 – August 2021)

- Managed IBM technology accounts, focusing on building a professional relationship, understanding customer technology problems through open-ended questions and active listening, and leading an IBM team to develop technical solutions.
- Technology solutions included cyber security, data management, cloud computing, and computer hardware.
- Exceeded 100% of sales quota for 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.

INTERESTS

Cross-training, cycling, cooking, and reading history books.

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 Date of BA/BS **April 2020**
 JD/LLB From **The University of Chicago Law School**
<https://www.law.uchicago.edu/>
 Date of JD/LLB **June 1, 2024**
 Class Rank **School does not rank**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **The University of Chicago Law School**
Business Law Review
 Moot Court Experience **No**

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/
 Externships **No**

Post-graduate Judicial
Law Clerk **No**

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

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June 11, 2023

The Honorable David S. Morales
United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
United States Courthouse
1133 North Shoreline Boulevard, Room 320
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Judge Morales,

I am a rising third-year law student at The University of Chicago Law School, and am writing to express my sincere interest in working as a law clerk in your chambers for the 2024 – 2025 term. As a future litigator with the aspiration of settling down in Texas, I am eager for the opportunity to gain firsthand experience in federal court and believe your chambers would provide a valuable learning experience.

I have a strong background in legal research and writing, which I have refined through my experiences working at litigation firms and through my law school activities. During my time in law school, I have honed my legal research and writing skills, as well as my ability to think critically about complex legal issues. At The University of Chicago Law School, I am involved in several organizations including the Federalist Society, Edmund Burke Society, The University of Chicago Business Law Review, and the law school's student government. My background in student leadership and advocacy has also taught me the importance of effective communication and collaboration, which I believe are essential skills for a successful clerk.

My prior professional experiences include serving as a summer associate at Miller Barondess LLP, where I conducted legal research, drafted legal memoranda on a variety of complex legal issues, prepared witnesses for deposition, and attended depositions and hearings. As a law clerk at Stern Law Firm and legal specialist at Munger, Tolles and Olson LLP, I conducted legal research and drafted, prepared, and reviewed pleading and discovery materials, as well as interfaced with high-profile individuals and handled confidential materials. This summer I am working at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP as a summer associate, and continue to strengthen these skills in working on various litigation matters.

These experiences have prepared me for the challenges of working in a fast-paced and demanding legal environment, and I am eager to bring my skills and enthusiasm to your chambers. I am particularly impressed by your commitment to originalism, and I am eager to apply my skills and knowledge to the work of your chambers. I am confident that serving as a clerk in your chambers would be a unique and valuable experience, and I hope to have the opportunity to contribute to the efficient functioning of your chambers.

I have enclosed my resume, transcripts, and writing sample for your review, and would be honored to discuss my qualifications further in an interview. I have also included a list of references. Letters of recommendation will arrive under separate cover. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Please let me know if I can provide any other information that would be helpful.

Sincerely,



Lauren K. Hirsh

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EDUCATION

The University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL

Juris Doctor, expected June 2024

- **Awards and Honors:** Harold and Milton Durchslag Endowment Fund Recipient
- **Activities:** Federalist Society; Edmund Burke Society; Business Law Review; Law Students Association; Jewish Law Students Association; California Law Students Association; Latinx Law Students Association

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with Minors in Business and Science, Technology, and Society, April 2020

- **Awards and Honors:** Graduated with distinction; James B. Angell Scholar; Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society; Barger Leadership Fellow; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Comprehensive Studies Program; Kessler Presidential Scholarship; University Honors
- **Activities:** Women in Law, Founder and President; Chi Omega, Recruitment Director; Michigan Business Women; Young Americans for Freedom; Her Campus magazine; Pre-Law Society; Study Abroad: Tel Aviv University

EXPERIENCE

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Summer Associate, May 2023 – Present

- Provide legal research and written work in support of litigation, including motions and memoranda on securities regulations, financial transactions law, intellectual property law, and evidentiary matters

Miller Barondess LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Summer Associate, June 2022 – August 2022

- Conducted legal research, completed written memoranda, and developed legal strategies on issues involving real estate, employment, structured finance, and California civil and criminal procedure
- Assisted in witness deposition preparation, attended depositions, and provided summaries to attorneys and clients

Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Legal Administrative Specialist, October 2020 – May 2021

- Conducted legal research for high-profile cases
- Drafted and edited written assignments in a variety of practice areas, including appellate and commercial litigation

Legal Intern, May 2018 – July 2018

- Drafted various documents and articles, as well as reviewed and summarized received materials for partners
- Interfaced with local agencies, performed data analysis, and conducted practice development tasks

Thrive Financial Inc., Ann Arbor, MI

Growth Marketing Associate, November 2019 – May 2020

- Led and implemented growth marketing initiatives as well as operations for investments

Stern Law Firm, Beverly Hills, CA

Law Clerk, August 2012 – July 2017

- Drafted written discovery, prepared deposition questions, summarized documents received in discovery
- Attended court hearings and depositions, and interfaced with local government agencies

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Corona Project, Los Angeles, CA

Founder and Operator, April 2020 – August 2020

- Formed and operated fund to assist families financially struggling during coronavirus pandemic

Carmen Fund, Beverly Hills, CA

Founder and Operator, August 2015 – January 2017

- Formed and operated fund to assist families in difficult financial situations

LANGUAGES & INTERESTS

- Languages: Spanish, native/fluent; French, advanced proficiency; Hebrew, advanced proficiency
- Interests: Nineteenth century history of the Ottoman Empire, satirical writing, and baking

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Date of BA/BS	May 2021
JD/LLB From	The University of Alabama School of Law
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Date of JD/LLB	June 7, 2024
Class Rank	20%
Law Review/Journal	Yes
Journal(s)	Alabama Law Review
Moot Court Experience	Yes
Moot Court Name(s)	Alabama Law Moot Court

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/ Externships	Yes
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	No

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

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June 12, 2023

The Honorable David Morales
United States Courthouse
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Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Judge Morales:

I am a rising third-year student at The University of Alabama School of Law and an Executive Editor on the *Alabama Law Review*. I am interested in a clerkship in your chambers for the 2024–2025 term. As I was born and raised in Houston, my goal has always been to return to Texas following graduation from Alabama Law.

During the Fall of my second year, I received “Best Editor” for all four editing assignments on *Alabama Law Review*. During the Spring of my second year, I was selected as the Executive Editor of *Alabama Law Review*, selected for the Moot Court Board, selected to compete on the National Criminal Procedure Law Moot Court team, appointed as the President of the Council of Presidents, and elected as a 3L Honor Council Representative. I also received an A+ in my Discovery course this past Spring. Further, I received the honor during my first year to have my Torts exam essay selected by my professor as a model answer for future students.

Following my first year of law school, I served as an intern for the Honorable Chief Judge L. Scott Coogler and worked as a law clerk for a criminal defense attorney in Houston. I am currently a Summer Associate at Gray Reed & McGraw in Houston, Texas in the Controversies (Litigation) Department. These diverse working environments exposed me to the practice of law in a variety of areas that also allowed me to improve my legal research and writing skills and enhance my professional confidence.

The opportunity to work with and learn from Judge Coogler solidified my interest in serving as a judicial clerk after graduation. The opportunity to serve as a judicial clerk has long been a goal of mine having been exposed to the courtroom from a young age as the daughter and granddaughter of lawyers.

I am currently a research assistant for Professor Benjamin McMichael, where I am developing a research portfolio regarding potential gamesmanship in the organ transplant field. I believe my ability to successfully advance research and adapt my writing style to the needs of a particular project has prepared me to contribute meaningfully to your chambers. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

Kendall Hudgins

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EDUCATION

The University of Alabama School of Law

Tuscaloosa, AL

Juris Doctor Candidate, May 2024

- GPA: 3.630 (Top 20%)
- *Alabama Law Review*, Executive Editor, Vol. 75
- Alabama Law Moot Court Board
- National Criminal Procedure Law Moot Court Team
- Honors and Leadership:
 - Council of Presidents, President
 - Bench and Bar Legal Honor Society, President (Only 15% of student body)
 - Student Bar Association, 3L Honor Council Representative
 - Awarded High Pass in Legal Writing II, Oral Argument
 - Alabama Law Student Alumni Association, Vice President, 2022-2024
 - Dorbin Women's Association, Active Member
 - Crimson Counsel Mentor Program, Mentor

The University of Alabama

Tuscaloosa, AL

Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, in Communication, May 2021

- GPA: 4.2
- Honors College
- Study Abroad: Lorenzo de Medici, Spring 2020, Florence, Italy
- Honors and Leadership:
 - Lambda Phi Eta Honor Society (Top 10% of Communication Studies major students)
 - Academic Honor Council
 - Student Executive Council
 - Delta, Delta, Delta, Community Service Committee

EXPERIENCE

Gray Reed & McGraw LLP

Houston, TX

Summer Associate, May 2023 – July 2023

Professor Benjamin McMichael, The University of Alabama School of Law

Tuscaloosa, AL

Research Assistant, June 2022 – Present

- Research and compile information regarding gamesmanship in the organ transplant field

Kim Parks, Criminal Defense Attorney

Houston, TX

Intern, July 2022 – August 2022

- Assisted in client communication in reintegration court (“RIC”)
- Reviewed discovery and case related documents, including incident reports

Chief Judge L. Scott Coogler, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama

Tuscaloosa, AL

Intern, May 2022 – June 2022

- Drafted court orders for disability support, resentencing requests, and ineffective assistance of counsel
- Observed hearings, sentencings, supervised release violations, conferences, and motions meetings

The Hudgins Law Firm

Houston, TX

Intern, Summer/Winter Breaks 2015 – Summer 2021

- Edited and drafted templates for discovery responses, edited briefs, transcribed audio files
- Managed client inquiries, observed depositions/mediations

INTERESTS

“How I Built This” and crime podcasts, running, travel, food trucks

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Applicant Education

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 JD/LLB From **American University, Washington College of Law**
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 Date of JD/LLB **May 19, 2024**
 Class Rank **25%**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **Administrative Law Review**
 Moot Court Experience **Yes**
 Moot Court Name(s) **Alvina Reckman-Myers First Year Moot Court Competition**
WCL Moot Court Honor Society Spring Qualifying Tournament

**Evan A. Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court
Competition**

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial	
Internships/	Yes
Externships	
Post-graduate	
Judicial Law	No
Clerk	

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

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June 12, 2023

The Honorable David Steven Morales
United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
United States Courthouse
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Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Judge Morales,

I am a rising third-year student at American University's Washington College of Law and am writing to apply for a 2024-2025 Term Law Clerk position with your chambers. As an aspiring criminal attorney with family ties and hopes of practicing in Texas, as well as strong passions for litigation and public service, I believe that a clerkship with your chambers is the ideal way to begin my legal career.

Through my professional and academic experiences, I have developed strong research and writing skills as well as a vigorous sense of initiative and work ethic. Last summer, I had the opportunity to intern with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel Disclosure Unit where I worked closely with attorneys to interview, research, and evaluate the claims of federal whistleblowers. As a Summer Law Clerk, my legal writing abilities were sharpened by drafting letters to federal agencies, congressional committee chairs, and the President. Additionally, I have continued to enhance my legal abilities through subsequent internships in Judge Beryl A. Howell's chambers in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and the D.C. U.S. Attorney's Office. In these roles, I acquired practical firsthand experience by observing federal and local hearings, drafting legal memoranda, and assisting attorneys with case preparation.

I will continue to hone my legal skills through my ongoing participation as a member of the American University Criminal Law Practitioner, Moot Court Honor Society, and Administrative Law Review. I will also be able to further familiarize myself with criminal law next spring while working on cases referred from the Montgomery County Public Defender's Office as part of WCL's Criminal Justice Clinic.

I believe the knowledge and perspectives I have obtained from these experiences are readily applicable to a judicial clerkship and make me a strong candidate for a position with your chambers.

Please find attached my resume, writing sample, transcripts, and letters of recommendation for your review. I would be happy to provide any further information you may require. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Devin Iorio

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EDUCATION

American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C.

Juris Doctor Candidate | Top 25%

May 2024

Honors: Admin. L. Rev. Volume 75.1 Notice of Superior Work | International Law Highest Grade Designation | Kenneth & Patricia Auberger Endowed Scholarship

Activities: Administrative Law Review, *Articles Editor* | Moot Court Honor Society, *Communications Committee* | Criminal Law Practitioner, *Articles Editor*

Trinity College, Hartford, CT

Bachelor of Arts in American Studies and Public Policy and Law, *cum laude*

May 2021

Honors: Faculty Honors (2018-2020) | First-Year Papers Award (2018) | Catalyst Leadership Corps Scholar (2019) | Judy Dworin Award (2021)

Activities: Mock Trial Team, *Executive Board* | Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity

Publication: Iorio, Devin, *An Analysis of Racialized Housing Segregation in America*, The Trinity Papers (June 14, 2021) <https://digitalrepository.trincoll.edu/trinitypapers/97/>.

EXPERIENCE

WCL Criminal Justice Clinic Defense Section, Washington, D.C.

Student Attorney

Jan. 2024 – May 2024

- Will represent adults facing misdemeanor charges, juveniles, and individuals serving life sentences without parole for offenses committed as juveniles in cases referred from the Montgomery County Public Defender's Office.

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Office of the General Counsel, Washington, D.C.

Scholars Program Intern

June 2023 – Aug. 2023

- Assist Adjudication Division attorneys in suspension, revocation, and follow-on administrative proceedings.
- Draft recommended agency orders and conduct research regarding Commission precedent and relevant statutes.

United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.

Intern

Jan. 2023 - April 2023

- Assisted attorneys in the Capitol Siege Section of the Criminal Division with exhibit preparation and motion drafting.
- Performed relevant research, drafted legal memoranda, and observed ongoing proceedings.

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.

Judicial Intern to Judge Beryl A. Howell

Aug. 2022 – Dec. 2022

- Conducted legal research and drafted legal analytical memoranda concerning a range of pending civil and criminal matters including discrimination claims, sentencing disputes, executive agency actions, and education law issues.
- Attended and observed proceedings in civil and criminal matters, including trials and sentencing and motion hearings.

Office of Special Counsel Disclosure Unit, Washington, D.C.

Summer Law Clerk

May 2022 – Aug. 2022

- Interviewed federal whistleblowers, evaluated disclosures, researched pertinent laws and regulations, and drafted internal memoranda and correspondence assessing whether disclosures supported a likelihood of wrongdoing determination.
- Drafted letters conveying determinations to federal agencies, congressional committee chairs, and the President.

Primus Project, Hartford, CT

Archival Research Associate

May 2021 – Aug. 2021

- Researched, collected, organized and summarized Trinity College's historic relationship to slavery and slave culture.

Trinity College, Hartford, CT

Teaching Assistant

Aug. 2019 – Dec. 2019

- Led study and peer review sessions in American Legal History to aid student brief writing and public speaking skills.

Suffolk County Legal Aid Society, Riverhead, NY

Intern

May 2019 – Aug. 2019

- Shadowed attorneys in courtroom, jail, and judicial chambers and assisted in client intake and case preparation.

INTERESTS

Hiking | Mountain Biking | Cooking

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Applicant Education

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Date of BA/BS	June 2016
JD/LLB From	Seattle University School of Law https://law.seattleu.edu/
Date of JD/LLB	May 12, 2024
Class Rank	15%
Law Review/Journal	Yes
Journal(s)	Seattle Journal of Technology, Environmental, and Innovation Law (SJTEIL)
Moot Court Experience	No

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/ Externships **Yes**
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk **No**

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

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May 27, 2023

The Honorable David Steven Morales
United States Courthouse
1133 North Shoreline Boulevard
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Judge Morales,

Please consider my application for a clerkship in your chambers for the 2024-2025 term. I am a third-year law student at Seattle University School of Law and will graduate in the spring of 2024. Seattle University School of Law has decided to not participate in national rankings beginning in 2023. However, in 2022, they were ranked as having one of the top ten legal writing programs in the country (tied at #8 with Georgetown University, according to US News Law School Rankings).

As my resume and letters of recommendation illustrate, I have a strong background in legal research and writing, as well as a keen eye for detail. Depending on who you ask, my attention to detail may be either a strength or a weakness, but if you ask me, details matter. In fact, I was the only student in an advanced legal research course that found a citation error Harvard Law Review made involving Bluebook Rule 10.5 and subsequent histories.

Since entering law school, I have conducted extensive legal research in preparation for memos and appellate level brief assignments. During my first year, I earned a scholarship for writing one of the top two legal briefs in my class. During my second year, I wrote an appellate level brief and earned an A grade. During externships, I have written legal memos covering business structures and international trademark laws, letters explaining the law to clients, and both initial and appellate level briefs for complex veteran's benefits claims.

In law school, I have worked full-time while taking full-time credits each semester, engaged in leadership within two student-run organizations, earned an executive board position on a journal, and participated in several externships. I have successfully navigated all of this while ranking in the top 15% of my class. While not on my resume, I plan to participate in a judicial externship in the fall of 2023.

I am eager to expand on my experiences by working as a clerk in your chambers, and will apply the same commitment, motivation, and energy that I have for law school to the work that I perform for you. I fell in love with Texas as a child visiting family, and I hope to establish a permanent legal career in the state. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Toccara Jule

Toccara N. Jule, RN, BSN, MBA

TOCCARA JULE

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EDUCATION

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Juris Doctor

Seattle, WA

Expected May 2024

GPA: 3.68

Rank: Top 15%

Journal: Seattle Journal of Technology, Environmental, and Innovation Law, *Staff Editor* 2022-2023; *Executive Editor* 2023-2024Activities: Health Law Society, *Vice-President*; Privacy Law Student Association, *Treasurer*

Awards: Trustee Scholarship; Laurel Currie Oates '78 Legal Writing Scholarship; Barbri Public Interest Scholarship

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOLS OF MEDICINE & BUSINESS

Graduate Certificate - Advanced Training in Healthcare Ethics

Seattle, WA

August 2021

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

June 2020

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

Pullman, WA

August 2016

Activities: Travelled abroad to provide nursing and pharmacy care to indigenous and poverty-stricken people in Peru

Awards: Graduated magna cum laude

EXPERIENCE

MERCY FOR ANIMALS

Legal Intern

Los Angeles, CA

May 2023 - Present

- Research international trademark law, tax law, and legal liabilities associated with different types of business entities
- Support in-house counsel; draft, review, and modify contracts; learn about farmed animal welfare

NORTHWEST JUSTICE PROJECT - VETERAN'S PROJECT

Legal Intern

Seattle, WA

January 2023 - April 2023

- Invited back as a legal intern as a result of high-quality, attorney-level work product

Legal Extern

May 2022 - August 2022

- Provide client intake interviews; draft client letters; research statutes, case law, and VA regulations
- Draft legal briefs for initial and appellate level benefits claims and discharge upgrades

DELTA CARE RX

IT Project Coordinator & Partner Education Liaison (Contract)

Pittsburgh, PA

November 2022 - Present

- IT project management; system administration; graphic design
- Develop, build, and deploy company-wide help-desk platform; launch SSO applications for external clients

National Director of Nursing Education

September 2020 - November 2022

- Develop, host, and obtain continuing accreditation approvals for nursing education presentations
- Act as regulatory and hospice subject matter expert for nationwide clients

PEACE HEALTH

Senior Quality Facilitator

Bellingham, WA

February 2020 - January 2021

- Maintain regulatory compliance with Medicare Conditions of Participation; monitor patient satisfaction metrics
- Manage department-level quality program; coordinate and run quality improvement projects

COMMUNITY HEALTH ACCREDITATION PARTNERS

Regulatory Surveyor

Washington, DC

November 2019 - February 2020

- Provide healthcare entity site visits to ensure compliance with federal healthcare regulations
- Complaint investigations; site revisits to ensure compliance deficiencies resolved

HOSPICE OF THE NORTHWEST

Manager - Clinical Services

Mount Vernon, WA

July 2016 - November 2019

- Modern Healthcare's #1 Best Place to Work in 2018; supervise >50 direct reports; staff education
- Manage multi-million dollar budget; collective bargaining; regulatory compliance; patient satisfaction; complaint resolution

Manager - Referral Department

August 2014 - June 2016

- Ensure timely referral processing; build relationships with referral sources
- Develop processes to reduce error and waste while improving efficiencies

Applicant Details

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Applicant Education

BA/BS From **Arizona State University**
 Date of BA/BS **May 2020**
 JD/LLB From **University of Arizona James E. Rogers
 College of Law**
<http://www.law.arizona.edu/>
 Date of JD/LLB **May 11, 2024**
 Class Rank **50%**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **Arizona Journal of Emerging
 Technologies**
 Moot Court Experience **Yes**
 Moot Court Name(s) **Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court (Trademark
 Law)**

Bar Admission**Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/
 Externships **Yes**

Post-graduate Judicial
Law Clerk **No**

Specialized Work Experience

Professional Organization

Organizations **Just the Beginning Organization**

Recommenders

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**This applicant has certified that all data entered in this profile and
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VIOLET J. KONOPKA

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June 5, 2023

The Honorable David Morales
United States District Court, Southern District of Texas
1133 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Judge Morales:

I am a rising third-year law student at the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law and the Senior Articles Editor of the *Arizona Law Journal of Emerging Technologies*. I am writing to express my interest in a clerkship in your chambers for the 2024-2025 term.

After completing my education here in Arizona, I am excited about the potential opportunity to begin my legal career in the great state of Texas. I am particularly interested in a clerkship in your chambers because I believe it will allow me to continue to explore many different aspects of the law and prepare me for any practice area I choose to pursue. While in law school, I have taken classes in contracts, intellectual property law, and civil and criminal procedure among others. In addition, this year I had the opportunity to serve as a Writing Center Fellow where I worked with students in all degree programs offered by the law school to help advance their writing and research skills. I will also continue to develop my legal writing and research through a judicial externship with the Honorable William Montgomery at the Arizona Supreme Court this upcoming spring. I believe that with these experiences, I will be able to contribute meaningfully to your chambers.

Enclosed please find a copy of my resume, my most recent law school transcript, and my undergraduate transcript. I have also included an excerpt of an appellate brief prepared for the Saul Lefkowitz Trademark Moot Court competition. Finally, letters of recommendation from Professor Joy Herr-Cardillo and my previous supervisor Zachary Taylor are also included.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above email address and telephone number. Thank you very much for considering my application.

Sincerely,

Violet Konopka

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EDUCATION

University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson, AZ

Candidate for Juris Doctor, May 2024, GPA: 3.572/4.0, Rank: Top 50%

- Journal: *Arizona Law Journal of Emerging Technologies* (Senior Articles Editor)
- Moot Court: Saul Lefkowitz Trademark Moot Court Team
- Honors and Awards: TechLaw Fellowship (Full Tuition); Dean's List (4 semesters)
- Activities: Associated Students of the University of Arizona (Supreme Court Justice); Writing Center Fellow; Law Women's Association; Arizona Law Ambassador

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences (Conservation Biology and Ecology), May 2020

EXPERIENCE

The Hon. William Montgomery, Arizona Supreme Court, Phoenix, AZ

Judicial Extern, Spring 2024

Collins Aerospace, Remote

Contracts Co-op, January 2023 - Current

Interpret and manage contract documents in the Power & Controls Division. Prepare and participate in the review of terms and conditions of customer agreements.

Veterans' Advocacy Law Clinic, Tucson, AZ

Certified Limited Practice Student, Spring & Summer 2023

Represent former military service members before local Veterans' Treatment Courts at both the city and county level.

Law Office of Denice R. Shepherd, Tucson, AZ

Law Clerk, May 2022 – December 2022

Prepared filings for probate court, including letters of appointment as guardian and/or conservator and petitions for determination of heirs. Drafted, reconciled, and filed annual accounts for conservatorships and estates as well as informal accounts for trusts.

University of Arizona Athletics Compliance Office, Tucson, AZ

Legal Extern, Spring & Fall 2022

Surveyed the institution's compliance monitoring system for any possible violations or areas where Arizona Athletics staff needed more education.

U.S. Attorney's Office – District of Colorado, Denver, CO

Legal Assistant, January 2021 – July 2021

Prepare and review legal documents and communications for civil division attorneys.

Arizona Attorney General's Office, Phoenix, AZ

Administrative Assistant, May 2020 – August 2020

Managed clerical and organizational needs for eight Department of Child Safety attorneys.

PERSONAL

- Interests: thrift shopping; playing and collecting board games; reading thrillers

Applicant Details

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Applicant Education

BA/BS From **Other**
 JD/LLB From **University of Houston Law Center**
http://www.nalplawschoolsonline.org/ndlsdir_search_results.asp?lscd=74402&yr=2009
 Date of JD/LLB **May 15, 2024**
 Class Rank **50%**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **Houston Journal of International Law**
 Moot Court Experience **Yes**
 Moot Court Name(s) **Moot Court Team**

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial
Internships/ **No**
Externships
Post-graduate
Judicial Law **No**
Clerk

Specialized Work Experience

Professional Organization

Organizations **Just the Beginning Organization**

Recommenders

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June 11, 2023

The Honorable David S. Morales
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
United States Courthouse
1133 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Judge Morales:

I am a third-year law student at the University of Houston Law Center, and I am writing to apply for a 2024-2025 or 2024-2026 clerkship with your chambers. I was encouraged to apply for this position because of your extensive background in public service, as I would like to remain in Texas to pursue a similar career path after graduation.

As a part-time law student, I have financed my legal education by working at small and mid-size law firms in civil litigation practice groups. Over several years of working as a paralegal and then law clerk, I have gained experience in performing legal research and drafting memoranda, motions, and discovery requests/responses. I further developed these skills through my internship with the Harris County Attorney's Office, where I analyzed federal, state, and local statutes to determine the permissibility of the hospital division's proposed programs. Additionally, this summer I will be completing a judicial externship with the Honorable Jeff Brown, U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Galveston Division, where I will have the opportunity to further refine my legal research and writing competencies.

In law school, I have been intentional in maximizing opportunities to develop my legal writing skills. Prior to serving as a Publications Editor of the *Houston Journal of International Law*, I was awarded the Best Comment on U.S.-Mexico Relations for my candidate comment on how illegal arms trafficking perpetuates the drug war. I was also a brief writer on the moot court team.

While I am grateful for the experience I have gained by working for a private practice, my career ambitions as a lawyer are best suited for a government setting, where the public interest defines the mission. My long-term goal is to work as an Assistant U.S. Attorney representing the U.S. government in the Southern District of Texas. I believe this clerkship would provide an invaluable foundation for my desired career path, as well as an opportunity for me to meaningfully contribute to your chambers.

Attached are my resume, unofficial transcript, and writing sample for your review. Letters of recommendation from two of my law school professors, Kate Brem and Kenneth Swift, will be uploaded to OSCAR.

Respectfully,

Emily Landry

Enclosures

Emily L. Landry

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EDUCATION

University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas

May 2024

Juris Doctor Candidate, GPA: 3.463, Top 40%

Honors: *Houston Journal of International Law*, 2022 Award for Best Comment on U.S.-Mexico Relations, Dean's List Fall 2020 and Spring 2023

Activities: Moot Court, Christian Legal Society, Houston Young Lawyers Association; Hispanic Bar Association of Houston; Mexican-American Bar Association; Latinx Law Students Association

University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), San Antonio, Texas

May 2019

Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (Honors), GPA: 4.00

The University of Manchester, Manchester, United Kingdom

July 2010

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, GPA: 3.44

EXPERIENCE

Thomas M. Fountain & Associates, PLLC, Houston, Texas

January 2023 - Present

Law Clerk

- Review insurance claims files to develop defense strategy for clients
- Attend examinations under oath
- Draft pleadings and motions for filing in both state and federal courts
- Prepare discovery requests and responses
- Analyze legal research to incorporate into interoffice memoranda
- Review and respond to Deceptive Trade Practices Act demand letters

Harris County Attorney's Office, Houston, Texas

January 2022 – April 2022

Legal Intern, Hospital Division

- Regularly analyzed Stark law, Anti-Kickback Statute, and Fraud and Abuse laws
- Reviewed hospital district policies and ensured proper citation of legal authorities
- Drafted memorandums on issues relating to hospital district operations and proposed programs
- Researched and analyzed Texas Attorney General opinions

Stibbs & Co. P.C., Houston, Texas

May 2019 – January 2023

Paralegal/Law Clerk (Transactional & Litigation)

- Prepared and filed formation documents of corporate entities in various jurisdictions
- Reviewed due diligence items and prepared disclosure schedules for acquisitions
- Drafted purchase agreements, bills of sales, and warranty deeds
- Conducted legal research using Westlaw and Lexis
- Drafted motions, pleadings, and memorandums for attorney review
- Conducted document review for responsiveness to discovery requests

Haynes Boone, LLP, San Antonio, Texas

October 2017- January 2019

Administrative Coordinator

- Assisted office manager with planning and organizing firm events
- Managed conference room reservations and firm calendar
- Prepared and submitted expense reports

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Advanced fluency in Spanish
- Active mentor in Big Brothers Big Sisters organization

Applicant Details

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Applicant Education

BA/BS From	University of Georgia
Date of BA/BS	May 2019
JD/LLB From	The George Washington University Law School
	https://www.law.gwu.edu/
Date of JD/LLB	May 20, 2023
Class Rank	25%
Does the law school have a Law Review/Journal?	Yes
Law Review/Journal	No
Moot Court Experience	No

Bar Admission**Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/Externships	Yes
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Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk **Yes**

Specialized Work Experience

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David B. Liss

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February 23, 2023

The Honorable David S. Morales
United States Courthouse
1133 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Judge Morales:

I am a third-year student at The George Washington University Law School. I am writing to apply for a 2024-26 term clerkship in your chambers. I am also open to the one-year clerkship. I am interested in criminal law and aspire to become a federal prosecutor. After I graduate from law school in May 2023, I will serve as a judicial law clerk for The Honorable James A. Crowell IV at the Superior Court for the District of Columbia. I believe this experience will make me a desirable candidate for this position. After clerking in your chambers, I hope to become an Assistant United States Attorney either in Texas or in Washington, D.C.

Enclosed please find my resume, transcript, letters of recommendation and writing sample. The writing sample is a legal memorandum I wrote while serving as an intern for the Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section in the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice. This memorandum is on how the Sex Offender Registration Act applies to adult victim Sextortion offenses.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above address and telephone. Thank you for your time and for considering my application.

Sincerely,

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EDUCATION

The George Washington University Law School

Washington, D.C.

Juris Doctor, cum laude

May 2023

GPA: 3.63

JD Rank: 117/526 (22%)

Concentration: National Security and Cybersecurity Law

Honors: President's Volunteer Service Award, GW Law Pro Bono Recognition (Gold Award: 685.5 hours)

Thurgood Marshall Scholar

Dean's Recognition for Professional Development

Activities: Dean's Fellow (2021-2023)

The University of Georgia

Athens, GA

Artium Baccalaureus, magna cum laude, in Classical Culture

May 2019

Artium Baccalaureus, magna cum laude, in International Affairs

May 2019

GPA: 3.75

Minor: Italian

Study Abroad: IES Rome: Language and Area Studies Program (Sept. 2017 – May 2018)

EXPERIENCE

Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Washington, D.C.

The Honorable James A. Crowell IV

Sept. 2023 – Sept. 2024

Judicial Law Clerk

- Will begin my clerkship for Judge Crowell in September 2023

United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, Columbus Division

Columbus, GA

The Honorable M. Stephen Hyles, Magistrate Judge

May 2023 – June 2023

Legal Intern

- Wrote several legal memoranda and a Report and Recommendation on a motion to vacate sentencing for ineffective assistance of counsel
- Attended court proceedings, including a criminal trial for a doctor accused of killing his patients

United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, Criminal Division

Washington, D.C.

Fraud, Public Corruption, and Civil Rights Section

Jan. 2023 – April 2023

Legal Intern

- Aided in ongoing criminal investigations and attended court proceedings
- Researched and wrote motions for ongoing litigation, such as a response to a severance motion

U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division

Washington, D.C.

Computer Crimes and Intellectual Property Section

Sept. 2022 – Dec. 2022

Legal Intern

- Researched and drafted on issues such as the authentication of digital evidence, corporate attorney-client privilege, and the statutory requirements for the return of pre-indictment seized materials
- Attended trainings on subjects like the requirements of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the General Counsel

Falls Church, VA

Executive Office for Immigration Review

June 2022 – Aug. 2022

Legal Intern – Summer Law Intern Program

- Reviewed and redacted documents in response to requests through the Freedom of Information Act, conducted Initial Privacy Assessments, and reviewed attorney discipline cases from Immigration Court

Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Washington, D.C.

Office of the Principal Legal Advisor

Sept. 2021- Dec. 2021

Law Clerk

- First chaired an asylum case and wrote two appellate briefs

Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor

Washington, D.C.

Homeland Security Investigations Law Division

May 2021 – Aug. 2021

Law Clerk

- Researched legal areas related to the Fourth Amendment, Cultural Property, and Asset Forfeiture

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Applicant Education

BA/BS From **University of Cincinnati**
 Date of BA/BS **April 2018**
 JD/LLB From **University of California, Berkeley**
School of Law
<https://www.law.berkeley.edu/careers/>
 Date of JD/LLB **May 10, 2024**
 Class Rank **School does not rank**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **Berkeley Journal of International Law**
Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law
 Moot Court Experience **Yes**
 Moot Court Name(s) **McBaine Honors Moot Court**
Competition

Bar Admission**Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/ Externships **No**
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk **No**

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

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Alex MacLennan
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June 11, 2023

The Honorable David Steven Morales
United States Courthouse
1133 North Shoreline Boulevard, Room 320
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Judge Morales,

I am a rising third-year student at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law with a top 15% 2L academic distinction and am an Editor-in-Chief of the *Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law*. I am writing to apply for a 2024-25 clerkship in your chambers.

After graduation I intend to return to my hometown of Cincinnati to work in private practice. Longer term I would be interested in becoming a judge. I have no notable ties to Texas but may be able to develop them if offered a clerkship in your chambers.

Enclosed please find my resume, law school transcripts, undergraduate transcript, and writing sample. The writing sample is from my Law & History Foundation Seminar paper, which examines the history of the Third Amendment and its modern application. A second writing sample from my moot court brief where I made it to the semi-finals of the competition and accepted a moot court competition student director position for 2023-24 is available upon request. Letters of recommendation from the following two recommenders are also included.

Dean Erwin Chemerinsky

Dean & Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law
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Judge Evelio Grillo

Lecturer at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law
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If there is any other information that may be helpful to you, please let me know.
Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,
Alex MacLennan

ALEX MACLENNAN

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, Berkeley, CA

Juris Doctor Candidate, Expected Graduation May 2024

Honors: Second-Year Academic Distinction (Top 15%)

Awards: Jurisprudence Award (highest grade) in Evidence (Fall 2022)

Activities: *Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law* (2023-24 Editor-in-Chief)

Berkeley Journal of International Law

McBaine Moot Court Competition (2022-23 Semi-Finalist, 2023-24 Student Director)

Publications: *Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law Blog*

Adultery Laws: 19th Cheat Code for the 21st Century?

R v Brown: Constitutional Questions Answered, Normative Ones Raised

Berkeley Journal of International Law Blog (Travaux)

Animals vs. Walls: The Effects of Border Barriers on Animal Populations

The Commonwealth Without Queen Elizabeth II: Is the Sun Setting on the Monarchy's Overseas Role?

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Columbus, OH

Completed First-Year Juris Doctor Curriculum, Aug. 2021 – May 2022; Rank: 8/175, GPA: 3.9

Awards: Invited to join *Ohio State Law Journal* on the basis of academic achievement

CALI Excellence for the Future Award® (highest grade) in Contracts I (Spring 2022)

Dean's Scholar Award; Eminent Scholarship

Activities: 1L Moot Court Competition; Professional & Graduate School Trivia

Study-abroad: University of Oxford Summer Law Program, Oxford, UK, Summer 2022

University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design, Apr. 2018

Awards: Cincinnati Scholarship

Worked 5-15 hours per week throughout year to fund education

EXPERIENCE

Frost Brown Todd LLP, Cincinnati, OH

May 2023 – July 2023

Summer Associate, Litigation and Appellate Focused

Seeking Alpha, Remote Work

Freelance Financial Commentary Writer

Oct. 2015 – Apr. 2021

Wrote financial and investment articles for online publication. Articles analyzed companies, economic issues, and investment ideas with a focus on stocks, preferred stocks, and bonds.

Thyssenkrupp Bilstein, Hamilton, OH

Product Designer

Jan. 2017 – Apr. 2017, Aug. 2017 – Dec. 2017

Led the company's first aesthetic design team in Hamilton, OH. Collaborated with engineering, marketing, and management in Ohio, California, and Germany. Presented new products, building redesign ideas, and marketing strategy.

U.S. Senate, Office of Senator (Ohio), Cincinnati, OH

Intern

Sep. 2012 – Mar. 2013

Responded to constituent questions and concerns and conducted research about policies.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Certificates: Financial Programming and Policies, Part 1: Macroeconomic Accounts & Analysis (edX – International Monetary Fund), La Terre comme système: une approche géographique (edX – Sorbonne Université)

Interests: History, trivia, travel (domestic and international), economics and finance, vintage coats, trying new foods

Favorite Law-Themed TV Shows: *Law & Order*, *Ally McBeal*, *Better Call Saul*

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Applicant Education

BA/BS From **Wake Forest University**
 Date of BA/BS **May 2020**
 JD/LLB From **South Texas College of Law**
http://www.nalplawsonline.org/ndlsdir_search_results.asp?lscd=74405&yr=2011
 Date of JD/LLB **May 12, 2023**
 Class Rank **10%**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **South Texas Law Review**
 Moot Court Experience **Yes**
 Moot Court Name(s) **William and Mary Spong Tournament 2022**
Regent Hassle Constitutional Law Tournament 2021

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial
Internships/ **Yes**
Externships
Post-graduate
Judicial Law **No**
Clerk

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

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January 31, 2023

The Honorable David S. Morales
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
1133 N. Shoreline Boulevard
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Judge Morales:

My name is Boston Mallory. In May of 2023, I will graduate from South Texas College of Law. Following my graduation, I will be clerking for the Honorable Lee Ann Reno in the Northern District of Texas for the 2023-2024 term. I would like to be considered for a position as your law clerk for the 2024-2025 term. My plans following my clerkship with Judge Reno are uncertain at this time, but I would like to practice commercial litigation with a focus on oil and gas. I have enclosed my application materials herein.

Since starting law school, I have taken every opportunity to enhance my legal writing skills. I have been able to advance my academic writing through my membership on the South Texas Law Review, my appellate brief writing through my participation on the South Texas Varsity Moot Court team, and my trial brief/motion writing through my time clerking at a boutique litigation firm. And I believe my time clerking for Judge Reno will help me hit the ground running in your chambers. At South Texas, I am also the Vice President of the Federalist Society. Outside of the classroom, I like to spend my time hunting, playing golf, and watching Wake Forest sports.

This position is particularly appealing to me for a couple reasons. First, I was born and raised in Texas and have every intention of staying in Texas following my graduation. Second, it would be an honor to have the opportunity to clerk for a district judge with such a strong reputation right here in my home state. I am an extremely hard-working and detail-oriented individual and I know I would be an asset in your chambers.

I am available for an interview at your convenience. Please contact me should you have any questions or require any additional materials. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Boston Mallory

Boston C. Mallory

4310 Dunlavy Street #531 | Houston, Texas 77006 | 817-682-0934 | Boston.mallory@stcl.edu

Education

South Texas College of Law Houston Houston, Texas

Juris Doctorate, May 2023

GPA: 3.762 **Rank:** Top 10%

Journal: South Texas Law Review, *Member*
Oil & Gas Energy Newsletter, *Managing Editor*

Advocacy: Varsity Moot Court, *Advocate*
Advanced Appellate Practice, *Moot Court Brief Writer*

Honors: Order of the Lytae, *Member*
Dean's Honor List, *Recipient*, all semesters
Presidential Fellow, *Member*
Langdell Scholar, *Constitutional Law Teaching Assistant*

Wake Forest University Winston Salem, North Carolina

Bachelor of Arts in Economics, May 2020

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
Economics and Catalan, Fall 2018

Work Experience

Zehl & Associates, PC

Law Clerk, February 2021 – August 2021, July 2022 – April 2023 Houston, Texas

- Assist lawyers with trial preparation through all phases of civil litigation: draft petitions, motions, discovery, deposition outlines, and demand letters
- Extensive experience drafting a variety of trial briefs and motions
- Deposed a fact witness in a Jones Act case and defended deposition of time value of money expert
- Supervised Practice Card

Fee, Smith, Sharp & Vitullo LLP Dallas, Texas

Summer Law Clerk, May 2022 – June 2022

- Researched matters involving insurance defense and commercial business disputes; including, fraud, misrepresentation, and ERISA claims
- Drafted internal research memoranda, deposition summaries, discovery requests, trial briefs, and motions

Donato, Brown, Pool & Moehlmann, PLLC Houston, Texas

Law Clerk, January 2022 – April 2022

- Drafted motions for summary judgment, motions to exclude/limit expert testimony, etc.

United States District Court, Northern District of Texas

Judicial Intern to Magistrate Judge Jeffrey L. Cureton, June 2021 – July 2021 Fort Worth, Texas

- Researched and drafted opinions on Social Security Appeals
- Conducted legal research for different types of hearings

Hobbies & Interests

- Playing golf
- Bird hunting
- Exercising
- Listening to Texas country music

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Applicant Education

BA/BS From	University of North Texas
Date of BA/BS	May 2020
JD/LLB From	St. Mary's University School of Law
	https://law.stmarytx.edu/
Date of JD/LLB	May 31, 2023
Class Rank	30%
Does the law school have a Law Review/Journal?	Yes
Law Review/Journal	No
Moot Court Experience	No

Bar Admission**Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/Externships	Yes
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	No

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

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JESUS JOSEPH MANDUJANO

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January 31, 2023

The Honorable David S. Morales
United States District Judge
United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
United States Courthouse
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Does the law school have a Law Review/Journal?	Yes
Law Review/Journal	No
Moot Court Experience	No

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Our laws and the moral foundation they lay for our society are deeply important to me. I came to Law School not from a legal background, but as an engineer, with a problem-solving mindset. With that mindset, I have come to believe that the law loses something when it is too distanced from the real world—like an old and valuable machine passed down from our ancestors, our constitutional system needs care from those who know that it is worth preserving. I have sought every legal engagement and leadership position that I could find to better understand what it means to really practice law, and to do so in a moral and practical way. It is my intent to practice in a way that lets me develop that understanding, for myself and for the legal profession.

The following application contains my resume, writing sample, transcript, and letters of recommendation from the following individuals:

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In addition, The University of Texas School of Law's Director of Judicial Programs, Kathleen Overly, is available to answer your questions. You may contact her at koverly@law.utexas.edu or 512-232-1316.

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Minor in Business

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- Professional Association for Industrial Distribution
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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Harris County District Attorney's Office, Houston, Texas

Intern, June 2023 – August 2023 [expected]

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Texas Office of the Governor, General Counsel Division, Austin, Texas

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- Confronted ongoing and prospective legal issues facing the various branches of the Texas Governor's Office
- Prepared for litigation, wrote memoranda, and reviewed regulations

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Johnstone Supply, Houston, Texas

Operations Intern, May 2020 – August 2020

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Flexcel Co., Inc., Marshall, Texas

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Prepared on June 6, 2023

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	http://www.law.utexas.edu
Date of JD/LLB	May 11, 2024
Class Rank	School does not rank
Law Review/Journal	Yes
Journal(s)	Texas Review of Law & Politics
Moot Court Experience	No

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/ Externships	No
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Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk **No**

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

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ALEXANDER NUTT

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June 12, 2023

The Honorable David S. Morales
United States District Judge
District Court for the Southern District of Texas
United States Courthouse
1133 N. Shoreline Boulevard, Room 320
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Judge Morales;

I am a second-year student at The University of Texas School of Law, and I am writing to apply for a clerkship for the 2024 term in your court, for both the one-year and two-year term positions. Though I do not know exactly where and for whom I will be practicing after I complete a clerkship, I hope that it will be in Texas's Government (preferably the AG's office) or in appellate work. It is my intention to practice in Texas—having lived here all my life, I could imagine living in no other state—and I would greatly enjoy the opportunity to work for you, in service of the court and of our constitutional values.

Our laws and the moral foundation they lay for our society are deeply important to me. I came to Law School not from a legal background, but as an engineer, with a problem-solving mindset. With that mindset, I have come to believe that the law loses something when it is too distanced from the real world—like an old and valuable machine passed down from our ancestors, our constitutional system needs care from those who know that it is worth preserving. I have sought every legal engagement and leadership position that I could find to better understand what it means to really practice law, and to do so in a moral and practical way. It is my intent to practice in a way that lets me develop that understanding, for myself and for the legal profession.

The following application contains my resume, writing sample, transcript, and letters of recommendation from the following individuals:

- *H.W. Perry Jr.*, The University of Texas School of Law
hwperry@mail.utexas.edu, 512-232-1852
- *Joseph Behnke*, Texas Office of the Governor
Joseph.behnke@gov.texas.gov, 737-932-1961

In addition, The University of Texas School of Law's Director of Judicial Programs, Kathleen Overly, is available to answer your questions. You may contact her at koverly@law.utexas.edu or 512-232-1316.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Respectfully,
Alexander Nutt

ALEXANDER NUTT

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EDUCATION

The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas

J.D. expected May 2024

GPA: 3.50 out of 4.30

- **TEXAS REVIEW OF LAW & POLITICS**, *Editorial Board* (2023–24); *Articles Editor* (2022–23)
- **Christian Legal Society**, *President* (2023–24); *Co-Vice President of Spiritual Life* (2022–23)
- **Mithoff Pro Bono Program**, *Student Volunteer*, Expunction Project and Texas Law Wills Clinic

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

B.S. *summa cum laude* in Industrial Distribution received May 2021

Minor in Business

GPA: 3.921 out of 4.000

- Professional Association for Industrial Distribution
- Texas Aggie Game Developers

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Harris County District Attorney's Office, Houston, Texas

Intern, June 2023 – August 2023 [expected]

- Assist the District Attorney's office by preparing for trial, conducting research, interviewing witnesses, conducting plea proceedings, and participating in jury interview and selection

Texas Office of the Governor, General Counsel Division, Austin, Texas

Intern, June 2022 – August 2022

- Confronted ongoing and prospective legal issues facing the various branches of the Texas Governor's Office
- Prepared for litigation, wrote memoranda, and reviewed regulations

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Johnstone Supply, Houston, Texas

Operations Intern, May 2020 – August 2020

- Organized branch storefronts and warehouses, trained in operations management technologies and equipment, and coordinated across teams to meet customer demands

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	http://www.chapman.edu/law/
Date of JD/LLB	May 17, 2024
Class Rank	Below 50%
Does the law school have a Law Review/Journal?	Yes
Law Review/Journal	No
Moot Court Experience	No

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/Externships **No**

Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk **No**

Specialized Work Experience

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June 11, 2023

Dear Judge Morales:

I am a third-year law student at Chapman University Dale E. Fowler School of Law and I am writing to apply for a term clerkship within your chambers. I believe my 14 years of practical experience as a licensed professional engineer, along with my passion for legal writing and litigation, make me an ideal candidate for a Law Clerk position in the busy chambers of a district court judge such as yours.

During my 1L year, my favorite class was my Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing Class. Initially, it was a challenge learning to write in a position-neutral manner, but it became easier with some practice. In my 2L year, a class that was surprisingly fun and engaging was Professional Responsibilities & Ethics; applying the ABA Model Rules to the hypotheticals created by the professor and other classmates was murkier than expected. In general, I greatly enjoy reading cases to extract the doctrine and then apply it through a comparative writing format, and am eager for more exposure to this aspect of law.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Applicant Education

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 Date of BA/BS **May 2018**
 JD/LLB From **University of Illinois, College of Law**
http://www.nalplawsonline.org/ndlsdir_search_results.asp
 Date of JD/LLB **May 15, 2024**
 Class Rank **25%**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **Elder Law Journal**
 Moot Court Experience **No**

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/
Externships **Yes**
Post-graduate Judicial
Law Clerk **No**

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

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Friday, June 9, 2023

The Honorable David Steven Morales
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
1133 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Judge Morales,

I am a rising third-year law student at the University of Illinois College of Law. I am writing to apply for a clerkship in your chambers for the 2024-2025 and the 2024-2026 terms. Having grown up in Seabrook and Austin and with family in Corpus Christi, San Antonio, and Houston, I am thrilled by the opportunity to return to home and work in your chambers.

During the summer of 2022, I externed with the Honorable Robert Jones, Jr. in the Eastern District of North Carolina, which largely inspired my interest in clerking. In this role, I conducted extensive research on complex civil litigation issues, in addition to a variety of criminal issues. This experience allowed me write memoranda and recommendations regarding sentencing relief due to alleged ineffective assistance of counsel, a concern I am highly interested in given my volunteer work at the Danville Correction Center in Illinois. As a member of the Illinois Trial Team, I have also honed my oral advocacy and evidentiary skills, ultimately winning a national championship in the field. Additionally, my experience taking a Judicial Opinion Writing class provided me the opportunity to write bench memos and draft opinions. These experiences have all contributed to my ability to think and write about nuanced legal issues.

Enclosed please find a copy of my resume, my most recent transcript, my undergraduate transcript, and two writing samples. One writing sample is an order that I wrote for Judge Robert Jones, Jr. last summer that was wholly adopted by the court, included with his permission. The second is an excerpt from my journal note concerning the constitutionality of residency requirements in physician-assisted suicide statutes. Finally, letters of recommendation from Judge Robert Jones Jr., Professor Andrew Leipold, and Professor Lesley Wexler are included.

If you have any questions, please feel to contact me at the above address and phone number. Thank you very much for considering my application.

Yours sincerely,

Eliza Powers

C. ELIZA POWERS

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EDUCATION

The University of Illinois College of Law

August 2021 – May 2024

J.D. Candidate, GPA: 3.61/4.0, *Top 20%*, *Dean's List*, *Harno Scholar (Top 10% Spring 2023)*

- Trial Team, *Competitor*
- 2023 National Ethics Trial Competition, *National Champion*
- Paul M. Lisneck Award for Excellence and Ethics in Trial Advocacy, *Finalist*
- *Elder Law Journal*, *Associate Editor*
- Women's Law Society, *Member*

The University of Texas at Austin

August 2014 – May 2018

B.A. in International Relations & Global Studies, GPA: 3.66/4.0

- Academic Honors: University Honors, *Dean's List 2014-2018*, Phi Kappa Phi
- Studied abroad at the University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark and at National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan through the US-Taiwan Ambassador Scholarship

WORK EXPERIENCE

Vinson & Elkins LLP, Houston, TX – Summer Associate

May 2023 – July 2023

- Wrote memoranda on complex issues in large international arbitration
- Drafted brief in support of motion for summary judgement and other pre-trial documents
- Working on pro bono projects concerning immigration asylum claims
- Looking forward to working with the firm's environmental and M&A practices during the remaining months as a summer associate

United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Wilmington, NC

Judicial Extern to the Honorable Robert B. Jones, Jr.

May 2022 – July 2022

- Prepared memoranda and recommendations regarding hearing outcomes
- Assisted in legal research in support of orders for both civil and criminal issues
- Observed courtroom proceedings, including arraignments, sentencing, settlements, and detention hearings
- Participated in settlement conferences regarding civil matters

Gerson Lehrman Group, Austin, TX – Team Leader (Previously Research Manager, Senior Associate)

July 2018 – June 2021

- Managed a team of 13 associates, coordinating with departments and upper management
- Acted as first line of defense for all China-related compliance sensitivities for entire US client-facing organization
- Handled all China-focused projects, contracts totaling over \$200 million, for financial services firms
- Evaluated team's progress through performance management, goal setting & tracking
- Participated in developing and improving a pilot international team between Austin & Shanghai
- Created and implemented a new workflow for inter-departmental collaboration to increase efficiency throughout the firm
- Raised over \$7,000 for NAACP & Loveland Foundation through online auctions

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Education Justice Project, Danville, IL – Math & Writing Partner

October 2021 – Present

- Provide writing tutoring to incarcerated students at Danville Correctional Center

LANGUAGES & INTERESTS

Languages: Advanced German, Intermediate Mandarin

Interests: Downhill skiing, training for half-marathons, New England Patriots, (poorly) attempting NYT crosswords

Applicant Details

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<https://law.emory.edu/index.html>
 Date of JD/LLB **May 15, 2023**
 Class Rank **30%**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal**
 Moot Court Experience **Yes**
 Moot Court Name(s) **Anthony V. Cardona Moot Court, Albany Law School**

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/ Externships	Yes
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	Yes

Specialized Work Experience

Specialized Work Experience	Bankruptcy
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June 5, 2023

The Honorable David Steven Morales
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
1133 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Judge Morales:

I am a recent graduate of Emory University School of Law and I am writing to apply for a clerkship with your chambers for the 2024-2025 term. I plan to practice as a litigator in Texas after clerking to be closer to my partner who works in Corpus Christi. My clerkship experience for the Honorable Patricia M. Mayer of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania during the 2023-2024 term and desire to learn will make me a valuable part of your chambers.

I have taken the opportunity to complete a substantial amount of research and writing while in law school, providing me a strong background for a clerkship with the Southern District of Texas. This past summer, I gained broad exposure to various areas of appellate and trial practice working with Husch Blackwell—a fast-paced Am Law 100 firm. I managed competing deadlines when researching for appellate briefs and drafting motions. In my role as a research assistant for Professor Peter Hay, I have continued to challenge my critical thinking skills and attention to detail by providing detailed memoranda for Professor Hay's contributions to the forthcoming Restatement (3d) Conflict of Laws and tracking developments in civil and criminal procedure. As a judicial intern for the Honorable Jeffery W. Cavender of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court and Honorable Christopher Sprague of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, I have had exposure to a diverse set of federal proceedings as well as synthesizing large amounts of evidence in writing advisory memoranda and opinions.

I am excited about the possibility of joining your chambers for the 2024-2025 term. Enclosed, please find a copy of my resume, law transcript, undergraduate transcript, writing sample, and letters of recommendation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jake Rauchberg

Enclosures

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EDUCATION

Emory University School of Law

Atlanta, GA

Juris Doctor, with honors

May 2023

- GPA: 3.59 (Between Top 25–30%); Dean's List (Spring 2022; Fall 2022; Spring 2023)
- Activities: *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal* Vol. 39 (Articles Editor); Research Assistant to Distinguished Professor of Law Peter Hay (Conflict of Laws); Jewish Law Students Association; Litigation Society

Albany Law School of Union University

Albany, NY

First Year Course Work

August 2020 – May 2021

- GPA: 3.60 (Top 17%); Dean's List (2020-2021 Academic Year)
- Activities: Moot Court; Research Assistant to Dean Keith Hirokawa (Environmental Law); Cardozo Law Society; Gaelic Law Society

Franklin & Marshall College

Lancaster, PA

Bachelor of Arts in Government & Environmental Studies; Minor: Spanish

May 2020

EXPERIENCE

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia / Reading, PA

Term Law Clerk to the Hon. Patricia M. Mayer

August 2023 – August 2024

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Atlanta, GA

Judicial Extern to the Hon. Jeffery W. Cavender

August 2022 – November 2022

- Reviewed motions and applications before the court to determine the relevant issues and basis for relief
- Prepared advisory memoranda of law on the appointment of a limited-capacity chapter 11 trustees, appropriateness of pending section 363 sales, and lien priorities under Georgia law

Husch Blackwell

Chattanooga, TN

Summer Associate

May 2022 – July 2022

- Completed rotations for the commercial litigation, antitrust, mass tort, and bankruptcy practice groups
- Drafted pleadings and advisory memoranda on substantive and procedural issues for commercial litigation
- Conducted document and deposition review for antitrust and mass tort defenses
- Prepared responses to omnibus objections for claims against a large chapter 11 debtor

U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board

Atlanta, GA

Judicial Extern to the Hon. Christopher Sprague

January 2022 – April 2022

- Authored decisions for adverse employment actions and whistleblower appeals
- Compiled prior awards of nonpecuniary compensatory damages for whistleblower complaints where the Board has granted corrective action for the civil servant.

N.J. Superior Court, Civil Part

Morristown, NJ

Judicial Intern to the Hon. William J. McGovern, III

May 2021 – August 2021

- Reviewed procedural motions and drafted its decisions and orders
- Researched and analyzed relevant statutes and case law for matters under advisement

INTERESTS

English Premier League, Marathon Runner, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, and International Affairs

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 Date of BA/BS **May 2019**
 JD/LLB From **University of California, Berkeley**
School of Law
<https://www.law.berkeley.edu/careers/>
 Date of JD/LLB **May 10, 2024**
 Class Rank **School does not rank**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **California Law Review**
 Moot Court Experience **No**

Bar Admission**Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/
 Externships **Yes**

Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk **No**

Specialized Work Experience

Specialized Work Experience **Immigration**

Recommenders

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June 17, 2023

The Honorable David Morales
United States Courthouse
1133 North Shoreline Boulevard, Room 320
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Judge Morales:

I am a third-year law student at Berkeley Law, currently serving as the Managing Editor at the *California Law Review*. I am writing to apply for the 2024-2025 clerkship term. Born and raised in Austin, Texas, and having completed my bachelor's degree at Trinity University in San Antonio, I look forward to returning to Texas upon graduation. My ultimate goal is to pursue a career as a law professor, and I believe that a clerkship opportunity in your chambers would provide invaluable experience and contribute significantly to my professional journey.

As a joint JD/PhD student with academic and professional experience in the areas of law, economics, and immigration, I believe I possess the interdisciplinary background needed to understand much of the subject matter covered by your chambers. My graduate studies have focused extensively on exploring the intricate connections between immigration law, the administrative state, and the criminal justice system. This focus has allowed me to refine my research and analytical thinking abilities, which will contribute to my effectiveness as a judicial clerk.

Throughout my time in law school, I have diligently cultivated my legal writing and critical thinking skills while gaining exposure to diverse areas of the law. Notably, in my 1L summer, I had the privilege of externing for Magistrate Judge Song Quiroga in the Southern District of Texas in Laredo, one of the nation's busiest federal courts. During this externship, I was entrusted with drafting orders for both criminal and civil cases. I handled various criminal matters, including bond and revocation orders, and addressed discovery issues in civil cases. This hands-on experience solidified my desire to work as a clerk for a district judge, as I became captivated by the trial-level cases and evidentiary challenges that district courts handle on a daily basis.

In the fall, I took criminal procedure and interned at the East Bay Community Law Center's (EBCLC) immigration clinic, where I drafted and prepared applications for immigration relief for multiple clients. Additionally, in the past semester, I delved deeper into specialized areas of knowledge by taking courses in immigration law and administrative law, along with participating in an asylum law practicum. Looking ahead, I am excited to extern at the Executive Office of Immigration Review's (EOIR) San Francisco immigration court in the upcoming fall semester, where I will continue to develop my skills in drafting legal documents and researching case law. I believe that these substantive courses and hands-on experiences in specialized fields will bring a diverse range of perspectives to your chambers, fostering insightful discussions and facilitating the timely resolution of matters before the court.

If offered this opportunity, I am confident that my drive, experiences, and skills will allow me to meaningfully contribute to your chambers. My resume, transcripts, writing sample, and letters of recommendation from Professor Michelle Cole (michellecole@berkeley.edu), Judge Diana Song Quiroga (Diana_Song_Quiroga@txs.uscourts.gov) and Clinical Supervisor Abigail Rich (arich@ebclc.org) are included with this application. If you need anything else, please reach me at zsalazar2019@berkeley.edu or 512-299-7294. I would enjoy the opportunity to speak with you to further discuss my experiences and motivation for joining your chambers. Thank you for your time and consideration of my application materials.

Sincerely,

Zabdi Salazar

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law

J.D.-Ph.D., Jurisprudence and Social Policy (JSP) Candidate, May 2026

Field Examinations: Public Law (Jun 2021); Immigration Law and the Administrative State (expected Aug 2023)

Honors: Berkeley Law Dean's Fellowship, BCLB Scholar, Chancellor's Fellowship for Graduate Study

Activities: La Alianza (Member); LSGA (President); *California Law Review* (Vol. 112 Managing Editor)

Trinity University, San Antonio, TX

B.A., *summa cum laude*, in Political Science and Business Administration, May 2019 (Minors in Spanish and Economics)

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Gamma Sigma, University Scholar (top 15 students in class)

Activities: Pre-Law Society (President); Debate Team (Treasurer)

EXPERIENCE

Berkeley Law: Asylum Law Practicum, Berkeley, CA

Law Student Intern

Jan 2023–May 2023

Prepared an asylum application for an Afghan family under the supervision of attorneys from Jewish Family & Community Services East Bay (JFCS). Worked closely with the client, conducting multiple meetings to draft a declaration. Collected personal evidence and compiled detailed country reports. Crafted a persuasive letter brief to strengthen the application.

East Bay Community Law Center: Immigration Clinic, Berkeley, CA

Law Student Intern

Aug 2022–Dec 2022

Conducted general consultations with English and Spanish speaking clients about their immigration related legal issues. Prepared legal documents for DACA renewal, DACA advance parole, and family-based petitions. Revised and updated an asylum declaration. Drafted a political asylum brief. Observed immigration court hearings.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Diana Song Quiroga, Laredo, TX

Judicial Extern

Jun 2022–Jul 2022

Wrote legal memos on policy changes impacting cases, e.g., alternatives to detention, U-visa certification rules, and hearsay law in revocation hearings. Drafted a bond and a revocation order. Revised responses to civil motions to compel discovery and a motion to quash and for protective order. Assisted in drafting model rules on court performance standards. Observed daily hearings.

Al Otro Lado, San Ysidro, CA

Student Advocate

Feb 2022–Apr 2022

Assisted attorney in revising and editing legal documents, including asylum legal briefs and client declarations. Worked directly with Spanish-speaking clients to draft declarations and prepared a humanitarian parole application.

Legal Studies Department, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Graduate Student Instructor

Aug 2020–May 2021

Planned and delivered lessons for weekly undergraduate discussion sections for two courses: Immigration & Citizenship and Membership & Migration - Empirical and Normative Perspectives. Graded assignments, research papers, and exams. Held weekly office hours and review sessions.

The Contemporary (Student-run digital startup publication), San Antonio, TX

Director of Business Operations

Feb 2016–May 2019

Developed partnerships with 21+ universities, publications, and local news and advocacy organizations. Planned and executed the organization's first fundraising campaign, raising \$5,000 in one month. Organized and led a civic engagement symposium by inviting a panel of thought leaders to speak on bridging political polarization. Wrote and published op-eds and investigative reports on free speech, immigration, and civic engagement.

SKILLS

Software: R Studio (Advanced), Adobe Photoshop CS4 (Intermediate), SQL (Intermediate)

Language: Spanish (Advanced speaker, writer, and reader), French (Intermediate speaker, writer, and reader)

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 JD/LLB From **Georgetown University Law Center**
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 Date of JD/LLB **June 7, 2023**
 Class Rank **School does not rank**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics**
 Moot Court **No**
 Experience

Bar Admission**Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/
 Externships **No**

Post-graduate Judicial
Law Clerk **No**

Specialized Work Experience

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April 3, 2023

The Honorable David Steven Morales
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Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Judge Morales,

I am a third-year law student at Georgetown University Law Center. I am writing to apply for a one-year clerkship beginning in 2024. My cousins, aunt, and uncle live and practice law in Dallas. I am an aspiring litigator who would be honored to serve as your clerk.

As a reporter for the Casper (Wyoming) Star-Tribune, I followed criminal and civil matters, including more than a dozen trials. Exposure to litigation practice led me to law school. I have since developed my professional interests and competencies during two semesters as an intern with the Federal Public Defender for the District of Columbia and during my summer with Dechert LLP.

Nearly all the legal research and writing I have performed has pertained to active litigation in federal courts. While a journalist, I developed comfort writing on deadline, working under time pressure, and managing disparate tasks in creating public-facing work. My high standards and attention to detail will enable me to contribute to the work of your chambers.

I have included a resume, a writing sample, academic transcripts, and recommendations from Professor Michael Pardo and Professor Shon Hopwood. Thank you for your time and consideration. If I can supply any further information in support of my candidacy, please do not hesitate to contact me at 573.355.2979 or ss4436@georgetown.edu.

Best regards,



Shane Sanderson

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EDUCATION**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER****Washington, DC***Juris Doctor*

Expected June 2023

GPA: 3.69/4.00

Activities: *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics*, Executive & Submissions Editor; Christian Legal Aid of DC, volunteer.

Honors: Dean's list (both semesters 1L); Pro Bono Pledge honoree (expected on conferral of degree); Merit scholarship.

Publication: Shane Sanderson, Note, *Drawing a Portrait of Confidence: One Resolution to Legitimate Voter Concerns in the Shadow of Illegitimate Violence*, 35 GEO. J. LEGAL ETHICS 1117 (2022).**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI****Columbia, MO***Bachelor of Journalism; Emphasis in Data Journalism for Print and Digital News*

May 2017

Honors: Sam Bronstein Scholarship; Jeanne & David Rees Scholarship; Raymond J. Ross Scholarship

COLLEGE OF THE ALBEMARLE**Manteo, NC***Associate in Arts*

December 2014

EXPERIENCE**DECHERT****Philadelphia, PA***Incoming Litigation Associate*

Expected November 2023

Summer Associate

May 2022 – July 2022

- In federal trial of pro bono matter, *inter alia*: summarized potential cross-examination faced by client on the basis of his first-day testimony and proposed modes of rehabilitation; researched case law for potential *Batson* challenge; drafted portions of motion *in limine*; and drafted and delivered opposing counsel moot opening statement and closing argument.
- Wrote internal memoranda for circulation to litigation team on product liability matter set for trial in August. Redrafted memoranda for presentation to client advising trial strategy following opposing counsel's release of relevant discovery.
- Drafted questions used in deposition of adverse expert witness expected to testify regarding remedies.

FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**Washington, DC***Appellate Intern*

Sept. 2021 – April 2022

- Wrote first draft of successful motion for relief in District Court on Sixth Amendment grounds resulting in the court's identification of error in jury selection process and corresponding modification of procedures for the District.
- Drafted pre-trial motions, portions of sentencing memorandum, and portions of habeas corpus petitions to District Court, as well as portions of certiorari petition filed with U.S. Supreme Court.
- Investigated novel questions of law and drafted summaries of relevant persuasive authorities for reference in client consultation and drafting of appellate briefs, habeas corpus petitions, and probation revocation arguments.
- Conducted preliminary statistical analysis of jury panel demographics to prepare litigation of Sixth Amendment issue.

CALIFORNIA APPELLATE PROJECT**San Francisco, CA***Habeas Intern*

June 2021 – Aug. 2021

- Reviewed trial record, client communications, newly developed evidence, relevant scientific literature, and appellate attorney documentation to identify potential issues for state habeas corpus petition in death penalty case.

CASPER STAR-TRIBUNE**Casper, WY***Criminal Justice Reporter*

Aug. 2017 – July 2020

- Researched and reported articles totaling more than 5,000 words, drawing on thousands of pages of court and administrative documents and hours of in-person interviews.
- Independently pitched and implemented a redesign of the paper's criminal justice coverage, reorienting the section toward in-depth narrative, investigative and accountability journalism.
- Honored with the Wyoming Press Association's first place award in general news and the Associated Press Sports Editors' national investigative prize, ranking alongside contestants from ESPN.com, USA Today and Yahoo Sports.

KANSAS CITY STAR**Kansas City, MO***News Reporting Intern*

June 2017 – Aug. 2017

COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN**Columbia, MO***Assistant City Editor*

Dec. 2016 – May 2017

Public Safety Reporter

Jan. 2016 – Dec. 2016

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JD/LLB From	Baylor University School of Law http://www.baylor.edu/law/
Date of JD/LLB	April 27, 2024
Class Rank	15%
Law Review/Journal	Yes
Journal(s)	Baylor Law Review
Moot Court Experience	Yes
Moot Court Name(s)	Baylor Law Faegre-Drinker Spring Moot Court Competition, 2022 Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition, 2023 National Veterans Law Moot Court Competition, 2022

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/
Externships **No**

Post-graduate Judicial
Law Clerk **No**

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

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May 29, 2023

The Honorable David S. Morales
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
United States Courthouse
1133 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Judge Morales:

I am writing to apply for a clerkship position in your chambers beginning in August 2024. I am a rising third-year student at Baylor Law School, serving as the Managing Senior Executive Editor for the *Baylor Law Review*. I plan to practice litigation in Houston and hope to eventually serve as an assistant U.S. attorney.

I believe I can contribute to your chambers with my strong research and writing skills. My first-year legal writing received recognition, including the High A in my appellate legal writing class. This year, I have continued to develop my writing by competing in two moot court competitions and serving as a research assistant. My internship with the Travis County District Attorney's Office required extensive legal research and writing for criminal appellate cases. This builds upon my professional editorial, grant writing, and research experience.

Enclosed are my resume, law school and undergraduate transcripts, and writing sample. The writing sample is an appellate brief examining the proper legal framework for IVF pre-embryo ownership. Additionally, I have enclosed letters of recommendation on my behalf from the following individuals:

Professor Chris Jaeger
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Holly Taylor
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Please let me know if I can provide any other information that would be helpful. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Olivia Schoffstall

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EDUCATION

Baylor University School of Law, Waco, TX 2024
 Candidate for Juris Doctor, GPA: 3.63, Class Rank: 22/198 (Top 11%)
Honors: High A: Federal Courts; Criminal Procedure; Persuasive Communication; Supreme Court Seminar
 Dean's List (six quarters)
 Baylor Barrister Society
Advocacy: Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition, March 2023 (Semi-finalist; Best Team
 Oral Advocates, 1st Place; Best Brief, 3rd Place; Best Oral Advocate, 4th Place)
 National Veterans Law Moot Court Competition, November 2022
Activities: *Baylor Law Review* (Managing Senior Executive Editor, 2023–24)
 Christian Legal Society (Vice President, 2022–23)
 Federalist Society
 Blackstone Legal Fellowship

Reformed Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C. 2018
 Non-degree fellowship involving theological writing courses focused on vocation and service.

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 2017
 Bachelor of Arts in Economics & Minor in Religious Studies, GPA: 3.30
Honors: Dean's List
Study Abroad: University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, Fall 2015

EXPERIENCE

Hogan Lovells US LLP, Houston, TX May–July 2023
Summer Associate, Litigation, Arbitration, and Employment Group (full-time)

Baylor University School of Law, Waco, TX January–May 2023
Research Assistant to Professor Jessica Asbridge (part-time)
 Conducted legal research for a 50-state survey of the application of state Excessive Fines Clauses.

Travis County District Attorney's Office, Austin, TX May–August 2022
Legal Intern, Conviction Integrity Unit (full-time)
 Conducted legal research and drafted memoranda assessing claims for actual innocence and wrongful conviction.

Limestone County District Attorney's Office, Groesbeck, TX April–May 2022
Legal Intern (part-time)
 Drafted charges, stipulations, memoranda, and responses to writs of habeas corpus. Conducted legal research.

Prison Fellowship, Washington, D.C. April–August 2022
Legal Research Contractor (part-time)
 Supported legislative research projects, including drafting criminal justice campaign and lobbying materials.

Advocacy External Relations & Project Manager (full-time) June 2018–July 2021
 Provided project management for criminal justice reform campaigns in 14 jurisdictions. Oversaw federal and state lobby compliance for 250+ staff. Served as primary contact for coalition partners, funders, and media.

Center for Public Justice, Washington, D.C. September 2017–May 2018
Assistant Editor, Shared Justice (part-time)
 Managed *Shared Justice* writers and communications. Provided editorial review for all published articles.

Other Experience: The Juice Laundry (*Smoothie Maker*); Ashoka (*Intern*, data analysis); Community Investment Collaborative (*Intern*, micro-loan advisement); Trinity Education (*Intern*, computer programming).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Violinist, long-distance runner and road cyclist, Executive Producer of *A New Day 1* (documentary following people returning home after incarceration), conversational in Italian and Spanish, semi-professional house sitter.

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Applicant Education

BA/BS From **Texas A&M University-College Station**
 Date of BA/BS **December 2017**
 JD/LLB From **South Texas College of Law**
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 Date of JD/LLB **May 15, 2024**
 Class Rank **15%**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **STCL Law Review**
 Moot Court Experience **No**

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial
Internships/ **Yes**
Externships
Post-graduate
Judicial Law **No**
Clerk

Specialized Work Experience**Recommenders**

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Gabriel R. Segovia

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The Honorable David Morales
 1133 N. Shoreline Blvd
 Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Judge Morales,

I am a rising third-year law student at South Texas College of Law Houston (STCL), with three years of professional experience in the construction industry, seeking a clerkship for the 2024-2026 term. I would like to clerk for you due to your experience as a litigator for the state of Texas and now as a judge. I was born and raised in Houston and have spent most of my life traveling around Texas visiting friends or family. While I currently have few ties to Corpus Christi itself, I spent time there as a child with my family and visited more recently during my previous career for projects. After clerking, my intent is to pursue a career in complex commercial litigation in Texas, most likely in Houston.

Prior to Law School, after spending a period of time in both sales and operations, my career culminated in becoming a Project Manager. In this role I oversaw projects simultaneously across the country. This included monitoring project finances, allocating resources, as well as coordinating fabrication and installation. Attention to detail was crucial in all phases of these projects, from reviewing specifications and engineering drawings to planning installations and logistics. This was accompanied by the need to be able to adapt and overcome obstacles by working with my team.

Last summer I had the privilege to intern with Justice Wise at the Fourteenth Court of Appeals in Houston, Texas. I honed my legal research and writing skills by working with the staff attorneys on various memorandums. Additionally, I reviewed appellate briefs prior to oral arguments and then had the opportunity to discuss the cases with the justices. Through this I gained valuable insight into analyzing the law and also the standard to strive towards as an attorney.

While in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M I was instilled with the value of community and serving that community. As a result, I am currently a member of the Breeders Greeters Houston Rodeo Committee, in which I help move livestock in and out of the livestock show as a volunteer. I am also a part of various student organizations at STCL, which has resulted in becoming both an Articles Editor on our law review editorial board and a STCL representative with the Texas Aggie Bar Association, for this upcoming year. I believe I could learn from your experience as a litigator and judge while also having the opportunity to serve my community.

This summer I am splitting my time as an intern. First, at Thompson Coe in civil litigation, followed by interning for Justice Lehrmann at the Texas Supreme Court. I believe this combined with my prior experience will enable me to contribute meaningfully to your chambers as a clerk.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and consider my application. I have included references with my resume, in my application, in addition to my letters of recommendation.

Respectfully,

Gabriel R. Segovia

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EDUCATION**South Texas College of Law Houston**, Houston Texas

May 2024

*Doctor of Jurisprudence Candidate***GPA:** 3.661 **Rank:** Top 15%**Honors:** Presidential Fellows Fall 2021; Dean's Honor List Fall 2021, Fall 2023Cali Award (highest grade): *Property II***Journal:** South Texas Law Review, *Articles Editor 2023-2024; Assistant Managing Editor Spring 2023***Activities:** Dean's Advisory Board, *Member*; Aggie Law Student Association, *VP Socials & Community Service*; Federalist Society, *Member*; Student Bar Association *1L Representative 2021-2022***Texas A&M University**, College Station Texas

December 2017

*Bachelor of Science, Industrial Distribution***GPA:** 3.186**Activities:** Corps of Cadets, *Artillery Officer for Parson's Mounted Cavalry*; Texas A&M Men's Water Polo *Coach*; Professional Association of Industrial Distribution, *Member*; Sigma Delta Honor Society, *Member***LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE****14th Court of Appeals, Justice Ken Wise** | *Intern*, Houston Texas

Half Summer 2022

- Reviewed appellate briefs prior to oral arguments, focused on spotting issues and comparing analysis by the parties.
- Observed oral arguments at the 1st and 14th Courts of Appeals and docket in the District Courts
- Discussed cases with the justices concerning the approaches by the attorneys, legal issues, analysis of the cases and applicable law
- Wrote legal memorandums which were used in the drafting of an opinion

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WORK EXPERIENCE**Flexible Lifeline Systems** | Houston Texas

May 2019 – June 2021

Project Manager (November 2020 – June 2021)

- Engineering site visits which entailed consulting clients about their concerns and needs, took measurements, and performed preliminary analysis for potential issues and solutions regarding the design, installation, and eventual use of the systems
- Planned and supervised installations with teams involving logistics and adapting systems where novel issues presented themselves
- Monitored Key Performance Indicators and project finances through all project phases, including billable hours

Project Coordinator (September 2019 – November 2020)

- Coordinated workflow between company departments and tracking stages of each project
- Processed and organized project files, meeting notes, engineering drawings and their annotations

Inside Sales Manager (May 2019 – September 2019)

- Responsible for product sales and support for territory managers providing explanations for clients to address specification concerns for their projects
- Filed product orders ensuring that they met specifications and needs of the customer

Ferguson HVAC | *Technical Inside Sales*, Charlotte N.C., and Houston Texas

February 2018 – March 2019

- Provided technical sales support, which involved the spotting and resolving inconsistencies in orders and client systems when components did not meet specifications

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & INTERESTS

- Texas A&M Bar Association (TABA), *Member* Fall 2022 – Present
- Breeders and Greeters Houston Rodeo Committee Volunteer, *Shift Captain* Fall 2018 – Present
- Slacker Pit, Houston Rodeo BBQ Cook Off Team, *Member* Fall 2019 – Present
- Reading: nonfiction particularly history
- Outdoors: hunting, fishing, horsemanship, skiing
- Violin since the age of four

Gabriel R. Segovia

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References

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Staff Attorney for the 14th Court of Appeals

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NOTE: Staff Attorney for Justice Wise; supervised my work during the Summer of 2022.

Josh Blackman:

Professor at Law

South Texas College of Law

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Note: Comment Supervisor and Property I Professor

Eric Menn:

Sales Manager

Flexible Lifeline Systems

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NOTE: Supervised and taught by Eric before going on to work with him on various projects

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 Date of BA/BS **May 2021**
 JD/LLB From **Texas Tech University School of Law**
http://www.nalplawsonline.org/ndlsdir_search_results.asp?lscd=74408&yr=2011
 Date of JD/LLB **May 5, 2024**
 Class Rank **15%**
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**
 Journal(s) **Texas Tech Law Review**
 Moot Court Experience **Yes**
 Moot Court Name(s) **Frank A. Schreck Gaming Law Moot Court Competition**
Leroy Hassell National Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial
Internships/ **No**
Externships
Post-graduate
Judicial Law **No**
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Specialized Work Experience

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June 5th, 2023

The Honorable David Morales

United States District Court, Southern District of Texas
1133 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Judge Morales:

I am an incoming third-year law student at the Texas Tech University School of Law. I am writing to apply for a judicial clerkship in your chambers for the 2024–2025 term. I am applying to your chambers specifically because I would like to continue to grow and contribute my legal skills in Corpus Christi. Growing up just outside of Houston and having family near Corpus Christi, I wish to start my legal career in a city I spent numerous summers on the beach and watching the Corpus Christi Hooks play baseball. I am confident that my academic accomplishments, writing skills, and experiences will enable me to contribute substantively as your judicial clerk.

A passion for advocacy is essential to succeeding as a law clerk. At Texas Tech, I have continuously excelled in moot court advocacy competitions tailored toward a federal clerkship. Last fall, I was chosen as an oral advocate and brief writer for Texas Tech’s nationally ranked moot court traveling team. My partners and I earned the second-highest brief and advanced to the national championship round at the Leroy Hassell National Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition. The competition featured twenty-eight other law schools and was judged by numerous federal district court judges from the Eastern District of Virginia. This opportunity taught me crucial lessons in time management, succinct organization, working as a team in an appellate environment, and persuasion in front of a judicial audience. Because of my dedication and experience in this scope, I was nominated by Texas Tech Law’s Board of Barristers to serve as the Director of Written Appellate Advocacy for the 2023–2024 year.

Further, throughout law school, I have sought out and constantly excelled in academics, legal research, and writing. Importantly, I have excelled in a course load tailored toward a federal district court clerkship. Out of 146 students, I am currently ranked twentieth in my class and have earned high grades in classes like Evidence, Trial Advocacy, Appellate Advocacy, and Business Entities. This year, I am taking Federal Courts hopefully to bolster my understanding and knowledge of the federal-legal system. Beyond my academic accomplishments, my writing has led me to success in my time as a member for the Texas Tech Law Review. Most recently, my student article, *Deplatforming Censorship: How Texas Constitutionally Barred Social Media Platform Censorship*, was selected for internal publication for Texas Tech Law Review’s spring issue. This article focuses on whether social media platforms’ censorship efforts are protected by the First Amendment—a topic currently on the cutting-edge of an intersection between constitutional law and modern technology. Throughout the writing process, I navigated decades of Supreme Court precedent and produced a thorough, neutral answer to the differing circuit opinions—skills that provide me a good foundation for excelling in your chambers for the various issues that come before your bench. These qualities enabled me to successfully run for and be selected as Lead Articles Editor for Volume 56 of the Texas Tech Law Review for the 2023–2024 year, as well as receiving the W. L. Penn Award, awarded to the student comment that most effectively summarizes and addresses an important constitutional law issue. I believe these qualities and experiences have prepared me to excel as a judicial clerk in your chambers.

I have included my resume, writing sample, unofficial transcript, and letters of recommendation. I welcome the opportunity to interview with you, and I appreciate your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



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EDUCATION:

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Lubbock, Texas

Candidate for Doctor of Jurisprudence

Expected Graduation: May 2024

GPA: 3.61 | Class Rank: 20 of 146

- LAW REVIEW: Lead Articles Editor, *Volume 56* TEXAS TECH LAW REVIEW
Staff Member, *Volume 55* TEXAS TECH LAW REVIEW
- ADVOCACY: Director of Written Appellate Advocacy, TEXAS TECH BOARD OF BARRISTERS
National Finalist (Oralist); Leroy Hassell Constitutional Law National Moot Court Competition
Finalist (Oralist); Texas Tech 1L Moot Court Competition
Oralist; Frank A. Schreck Gaming Law National Moot Court Competition
Quarterfinalist; Texas Tech 1L Mock Trial Competition
Quarterfinalist; Texas Tech Advanced Negotiations Competition
- AWARDS: The 2023 W.L. Penn Award (Highest Quality Law Review Article out of 28 Submissions on a "Complex Topic")
The 2023 Dean Darby Dickerson Award (Top Write-On Grade for Law Review Membership Competition)
Top Grade Awards: Appellate Advocacy; Trial Advocacy
Academic Distinction (second-highest grade) Awards: Business Entities; Evidence

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, Pullman, Washington

August 2018 – May 2021

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Pre-Law Philosophy and Political Science

- HONORS: Senior of the Year, *College of Arts & Sciences*: Philosophy, 2020–2021
Kirk Schulz President's Award, 2021 (Awarded to top-30 Seniors exemplifying advocacy on campus)
National Residence Hall Honorary Advocate of the Year, 2019–2020
The PACURH Silver-Pin Award (Top West Coast Advocate demonstrating substantive change on their campus)
- ACTIVITIES: Washington State University Residence Hall Association, President
Department of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs, Research Assistant
Regional Leadership Conference Chair, Pacific Affiliated Colleges and University Residence Halls

PUBLICATIONS:

Deplatforming Censorship: How Texas Constitutionally Barred Social Media Platform Censorship, 55 TEX. TECH L. REV. (forthcoming summer 2023).

EXPERIENCE:

THE LANIER LAW FIRM, Houston, Texas

July 2023 – August 2023

- (Incoming Law Clerk)

PADFIELD & STOUT LLP, Fort Worth, Texas

May 2023 – July 2023

Summer Law Clerk

- Drafted various motions on an array of matters under Texas and federal law including Motions for Summary Judgment, Reconsideration, Severance, and other related pre- and post-judgment motions. Balanced research and substantive document drafting for a matter mixing Texas contractual claims and dozens of defendant's alleged violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. Prepared presentations for CLE conferences focused on merchant-cash advancement agreements legality under Texas Usury and bankruptcy laws.

RAPP & KROCK PC, Houston, Texas

June 2022 – August 2022

Summer Law Clerk

- Drafted research memorandums on a variety of complex substantive and procedural matters and contributed to writing numerous legal documents such as demand letters, petitions, motions for attorney's fees. Assisted in preparation for depositions, hearings, and trials with various commercial litigation attorneys. Summarized case law to use as examples in trial and appellate procedures in the commercial litigation department.

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY HOUSING DEPARTMENT, Pullman, Washington

August 2019 – June 2021

Executive President, Residence Hall Association

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- Organized weekly council meetings for an organization with 5,800 affiliated members to cover funding proposals, guest lectures, and leadership development seminars by other executive board members. Authored action plans with the President of the University's administration for safety measures involving housing units during the Washington State COVID-19 lockdown.

RAPP AND KROCK PC, Houston, Texas

May 2019 – August 2019

Litigation Department, Legal Intern

- Developed research portfolios for various case hearings in multiple facets of corporate litigation and bankruptcy matters. Compiled legal exhibit binders and trial materials for depositions. Successfully converted excel data and client information into firm's CenterBase system and other computer software systems.

INTERESTS:

- Italian Cooking, Mountain & Canyon Hiking (Mount Rainier National Park (WA), Rocky Mountain National Park (CO), & Santa Elena Canyon (TX)), and Watching Houston Astros Baseball.